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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 5, 1999
Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Indiana State Fairgrounds,
Administration Building
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 3

Members Present: Rep. Robert Bischoff, Chair; Rep. William Ruppel; Sen. James Merritt, Vice-Chair; Sen. David Ford; Sen. Allie Craycraft.

Members Absent: Rep. Ron Liggett; Rep. Phyllis Pond; Sen. Katie Wolf.

Call to Order. Rep. Bischoff, Chair of the State Fair Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order. He asked Susan Montgomery, Attorney for the Committee, to describe some proposed changes to the law that governs the operation of the Committee.

Proposed Legislation. Ms. Montgomery explained that in IC 15-1.5-3-9, the Committee is referred to as a Commission. This reference could be corrected by replacing the term "commission" with "committee." In addition, the State Fair Commission is required by statute to report to the Committee before March 1 of each year. However, this reporting deadline is not workable because the Committee typically does not meet until after March and members are typically not appointed until after this date. Changing the reporting deadline from "before March 1" to "At the first meeting each year" of the Committee could

resolve the reporting problem (Exhibit 1). The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposed changes in the statute to the General Assembly at the next legislative session.

Committee Members Attending Meetings of the State Fair Commission. Rep. Bischoff shared a letter from the Legislative Council concerning the attendance by Committee members

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at meetings of the State Fair Commission (Exhibit 2). According to the letter, Sen. Garton, Chair of the Legislative Council, and Rep. Gregg agreed that it would be ill-advised for them to appoint committee members as “ex-officio members” of study committees and commissions. The appointment of ex-officio members would be more appropriately made by the General Assembly through a change in the legislation governing the committee or commission. However, committee members could request the Pro Tem or Speaker on a case by case basis to approve per diem and mileage for attendance by a Committee member at a government function, such as a State Fair Commission meeting.

The Committee agreed that either Rep. Bischoff or Rep. Ruppel would request reimbursement for attendance at the State Fair Commission meetings in October and November.

Report on the 1999 Indiana State Fair. Bill Stinson, Executive Director of the State Fair Commission, provided a report on the 1999 Indiana State Fair (Exhibit 3). Mr. Stinson and Alan McFarland, Indiana State Fair Commissioner, thanked the members of the Committee and the General Assembly for their support of the State Fair and the State Fairground facilities.

Adjournment. Rep. Bischoff adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.